

**Sen. Gen. Welfare Committee Amend't No. 1 to Committee Amend't No. 1**

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by deleting in subdivision (1) of Section 3 the language "Section 7" and by substituting instead the language "Section 9".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (2) of Section 3 the language "eighty (80) hours" and by substituting instead the language "sixty (60) classroom hours".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (8) of Section 3 the language "audiometer and the consequent" and by substituting instead the language "audiometer for the consequent".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subsection (a) of Section 4 the language "created a council to be known" and by substituting instead the language "created a council within the board to be known".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (b)(1) of Section 4 the language "National Council for Certification - Hearing Instrument Sciences" and by substituting instead the language "National Board for Certification - Hearing Instrument Sciences".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (b)(4) of Section 4 the language "and the other members appointed pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) shall be appointed to terms of two (2) years" and by substituting instead the language and punctuation:

one member appointed pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, one member appointed pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years

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AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (b)(4) of Section 4 the language and punctuation “; provided, that such appointment, if not effective within sixty (60) days, shall be filled by the council”.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subsection (d) of Section 4 the language “communications and disorders” and by substituting instead the language and punctuation “communications and disorders, and the division of health related boards”.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (4) of Section 5 the language and punctuation “renew licenses;” and by substituting instead the language and punctuation “renew licenses, under the name of the board;”.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (13) of Section 5 the language “§ Section 7” and by substituting instead the language “Section 9”.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new subdivisions to Section 5, as follows:

(14) Prescribe regulations requiring continuing education as a prerequisite for renewal of licenses to practice;

(15) Employ a consultant to assist the council in its duties;

AND FURTHER AMEND BY deleting in subsection (a) of Section 7 the language “display a sign or in any other way advertise or hold himself out as a person who practices the dispensing and fitting of hearing instruments” and by substituting instead the language “display a sign or in any way advertise or hold himself out as a hearing instrument specialist”.

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AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subsection (a) of Section 8 the language "medical or osteopathic physician" and by substituting instead the language "physician".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subsection (c) of Section 8 the language "as defined in Section 63-17-103(7)" and by substituting instead the language "as defined in Section 63-17-103(6)".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting subdivision (3) of Section 9(a) in its entirety.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subsection (c) of Section 10 the language "eighty (80) hours" and by substituting instead the language "sixty (60) hours".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the second sentence of subdivision (1) of Section 13(a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

Such initial license shall expire as provided by provided by rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subsection (b) of Section 16 the language "proof of completion of an approved continuing education program" and by substituting instead the language "verification of compliance of continuing education requirements as may be set by the council".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in subdivision (3) of Section 18(a) the language "Section 17 of this act" and by substituting instead the language "Section 19 of this act".

AND FURTHER AMEND by designating the existing language of Section 24 as subsection (a), and by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

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(b) Upon the effective date of this act, any person who is a licensed hearing aid dispenser shall be eligible to receive a license as a hearing instrument specialist. Any person who is a licensed hearing aid dispenser upon the effective date of this act who wishes to obtain a license as a hearing instrument specialist shall submit a request to the council to receive the appropriate license as a hearing instrument specialist. No additional fee shall be imposed upon persons for the issuance of a license as a hearing instrument specialist pursuant to this subsection.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following as new sections to precede the effective date section:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-105(a), is amended by deleting in subdivision (4) the language "speech pathology or audiology" and by substituting instead the language "in the field of communication disorders and sciences".

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-111(h)(3), is amended by deleting the language "administered by the board for licensing hearing aid dispensers" and by substituting instead the language "administered by the council for licensing hearing instrument specialists".

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-114 is amended by deleting subdivision (9) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

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(9) In any way limit, restrict or curtail powers, duties or responsibilities provided hearing instrument specialists duly licensed by the council of hearing instrument specialists; and

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-17-126, is amended in the first sentence by deleting the language "and the Tennessee board for licensing hearing aid dispensers" and by substituting instead the language "and the council for licensing hearing instrument specialists".